



**49th Annual Conference of**  
**The Canada-United States Law Institute**

**The North American Crisis - Dismantling the World Trading Order?**

**Thursday, April 10th - Friday, April 11th, 2025**

**Event Description**

4.75 CLE credits are available for April 11th **only** for an additional \$100 for Alumni and \$200 for Non-Alumni. Payment is made on April 19th with a check or credit card if attending in-person or paying online if attending virtually.

**Event Location**

Gund Hall, Upper Rotunda on April 10, 2025.

Cleveland Botanical Garden on April 11, 2025.

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## Agenda

Thursday, April 10, 2025

Opening & Awards Banquet Location: George C. Gund Hall, Case Western Reserve University School of Law 11075 East Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio, 44106

6:30 p.m. - Opening Reception & Dinner for all Conference Attendees

7:15 p.m. - Welcome and Introduction – Law School Rotunda

- Stephen J. Petras, Jr., United States National Director, Canada-United States Law Institute
- The Honorable James Blanchard, Co-Chair of the CUSLI Executive Committee, Senior Counsel at DLA Piper, formerly Governor of Michigan, United States Ambassador to Canada, United States Representative from Michigan

7:25 p.m. - Tribute to Past Executive Committee Co-Chair, Hon. James Scott Peterson, P.C. by Hon. Peter MacKay - Co-Chair, Canada-United States Law Institute, Canada's former Minister of Justice, Foreign Affairs, and National Defence

7:30 p.m. - Presentation of the Henry T. King, Jr. Award and Sidney J. Picker Award

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- Presentation of the Henry T. King Award by Stephen J. Petras, Jr., Director, Frederick K. Cox International Law Center, Case Western Reserve School of Law, U.S. Director, Canada-United States Law Institute

7:45 p.m. - Opening Address & Distinguished Lecture

- Introduction: Stephen J. Petras, Jr., Director, Frederick K. Cox International Law Center, Case Western Reserve School of Law, U.S. Director, Canada-United States Law Institute
- Presenter: Stephen de Boer Deputy Minister and Foreign and Defence Policy Advisor to the Prime Minister, and former Permanent Representative to the World Trade Organization
- Questions and Answers

8:45 p.m. – Dessert, Cocktails, and Music by “Razing the Bar”

Friday, April 11, 2025

Location: Cleveland Botanical Garden (across East Blvd. from Case Western Reserve University School of Law) 11030 East Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio, 44106

Master of Ceremonies: Stephen J. Petras, Jr., Director, Frederick K. Cox International Law Center, Case Western Reserve School of Law, U.S. Director, Canada-United States Law Institute

8:00 a.m. - Registration and Breakfast – Cleveland Botanical Gardens, Woodland Hall

8:45 a.m. - Welcome and Introduction

- Stephen J. Petras, Jr., Director, Frederick K. Cox International Law Center, Case Western Reserve University School of Law, U.S. Director, Canada-United States Law Institute
- Paul Rose, Dean, Case Western Reserve University School of Law

9:00 a.m. - Distinguished Welcome and Remarks

- Justin M. Bibb - Mayor, Cleveland – Ohio [*Virtual*]

9:30 a.m. - **Panel 1: Journalism - A View on the Front Lines of Trade**

- Moderator: Diane Francis – National Post
- Alex Panetta – Canadian Broadcast Corporation [*Virtual*]
- Ian Austen – New York Times [*Virtual*]

10:45 a.m. - Break

11:00 a.m. - **Panel 2: Economics and Policy Impacts**

- Moderator: Christopher Sands – Director, Wilson Center Canada Institute and Senior Research Professor, Johns Hopkins University's Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies
- Michael Gregory, Deputy Chief Economist, Bank of Montreal
- Stephen de Boer Deputy Minister and Foreign and Defence Policy Advisor to the Prime Minister, and former Permanent Representative to the World Trade Organization
- Laura Dawson – Executive Director of Future Borders Coalition

12:00 p.m. - Break

12:15 p.m. - Luncheon and Keynote

- Introduction: Steven Paille - Managing Director, Canada-United States Law Institute
- Presenter: Jack W. Bradley - Mayor, Lorain, Ohio
- Questions and Answers

1:45 p.m. - Break

2:00 p.m. - **Panel 3: Tariffs and Protectionism**

- Moderator: Hon. Peter MacKay – Co-Chair, Canada-United States Law Institute, Canada's former Minister of Justice, Foreign Affairs, and National Defence.
- Laurie A. Tannous – President, Canada – U.S. Business Association
- Dan Ujcz – Senior Counsel, Thompson Hine, President, Ohio-Canada Business Association
- Drew Dilkens – Mayor, Windsor – Ontario

3:15 p.m. - Break

3:20 p.m. - **Panel 4: Future of Rules-Based Trade Practices**

- Moderator: Steven Paille – Managing Director, Canada-United States Law Institute
- Gary Hufbauer – Senior Fellow, Peterson Institute
- Juscelino Colares – Co-Director, Frederick K. Cox International Law Center, Professor of Business Law, Professor of Political Science, Case Western University School of Law
- Nathaniel Maandig Rickard – Partner, Pickard, Kentz & Rowe LLP

4:45 p.m. - Close of Conference

[Speaker's Bios](#)